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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/01/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 03258/06
Broiler/fryer	165,667	162,318
Light hens	1,184	1,080
Heavy hens	1,424	1,556

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	144	0	144
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	249	0	249
Same week yr ago	110	0	110
To-date/2006	3,013	7	3,020
To-date/2005	3,460	11	3,471

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,226	1,562	2,788
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,250	1,441	2,691
Same week yr ago	1,821	1,356	3,177
To-date/2006	17,610	17,226	34,836
To-date/2005	21,091	15,688	36,779

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 25-March-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,089	1,082	1,562	2,644
Avg Wt	5.36	3.41	8.11	6.19
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,304	1,001	1,441	2,442
Same wk yr ago	151,161	1,711	1,356	3,067
Avg Wt	5.19	3.23	8.14	5.40
To-date/2006	1,926,751	14,597	17,219	31,816
To-date/2005	1,877,190	17,631	15,677	33,308

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.1 million head, or 0.8 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-Mar-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	31,680	16,214	52,627
Avg Weight	3.72	4.81	6.44
% of total /1	32%	16%	52%
Last week	28,352	24,324	53,330
Avg Weight	3.71	4.79	6.46
% of total /1	27%	23%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,594	25,484	39,720
Avg Weight	3.57	4.84	6.43
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%
To date/2006	298,652	200,086	593,732
To date/2005	294,537	236,792	520,247

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,924	2,517	38	13	4,492
Avg Wt	17.02	37.96	26.86	31.77	28.88
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,821	2,645	22	17	4,505
Same wk yr ago	1,468	2,502	15	6	3,991
Avg Wt	16.03	38.03	26.38	28.44	29.88
To-date/2006	20,488	29,649	279	72	50,488
To-date/2005	18,300	30,039	309	42	48,690

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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